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SUBJECT: ALPHA HELIX AMAZON EXPEDITION 1976-77

REF: BRASILIA 7466

1. REFTEL REQUESTED INFORMATION ON SUBJECT EXPEDITION
TENTATIVELY PLANNED FOR PERIOD MAY 1976 THROUGH JUNE 1977.
ALTHOUGH ALL INFO NEEDED TO MAKE FORMAL CLEARANCE REQUEST
NOT AVAILABLE, THERE IS SUFFICIENT MATERIAL TO DESCRIBE
SCOP OF EXPEDITION. IF IT IS DETERMINED SUFFICIENT INFO
EXISTS TO TAKE INITIAL STEPS IN OBTAINING REQUIRED CLEAR-
ANCES EMBASSIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO PROCEED.

2. EXPEDITION WILL BE FUNDED BY NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDA-
TION WITH PARTIAL FUNDING TO BE PROVIDED BY CANADIAN
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NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL. RESEARCH WILL TAKE PLACE IN
AMAZON RIVER BASIN, INCLUDING AMAZON, TAPAJOS, NEGRO,
BRANCO, AND SOLIMOEES RIVERS. ALSO, SOME RESEARCH WILL BE
CONDUCTED OUTSIDE MOUTH OF AMAZON INVOLVING WORK ON CONTIN-

ENTAL SHELF AND TERRITORIAL WATERS OF ADJACENT COUNTRIES. IN ADDITION, SOME OF FLORA AND FAUNA OF LAND AREAS IN VICINITY OF RIVER BASIN WILL BE INSTIGATED. EXACT LOCATIONS AND CHARTS WILL BE FORWARDED AT LATER DATE.

DESCRIPTIONS OF VARIOUS PROJECTS BEING FORWARDED VIA AIRGRAM AND LIST OF PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS WITH THEIR AFFILIATIONS FOLLOW: J. EDMOND - MIT; J. NEEL - U. OF MICHIGAN; D. RANDALL - U. OF BRITISH COLUMBIA; A. RIGGS - U. OF TEXAS; J. NICOL JA U. OF TEXAS; PGM MORRISON - U. OF ALASKA; R. SCHULTES - HARVARD; J. DALY - NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH; R. SMITH - SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY (SIO).

3. ALPHA HELIX, OPERATED BY SIO, CONDUCTED SIMILAR CRUISE ON AMAZON RIVER IN 1967. SHIP IS 133 FT LONG, HAS BEAM OF 31 FT, AND DRAFT OF 10.5 FT. IS 294 GROSS TONS, CRUISES AT 11 KTS AND HAS RANGE OF 6500 MILES WITH 30-DAY ENDURANCE. SHIP ACCOMMODATES 12 CREW AND 12 SCIENTISTS. FOR PHASE TO BE CONDUCTED IN BRAZIL, ONE BERTH IS BEING RESERVED FOR OFFICIAL BRAZILIAN OBSERVOR AND ONE BERTH FOR RIVER PILOT.

4. FOREIGN PARTICIPATION ON CRUISE IS BEING ENCOURAGED AND MANY PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS HAVE ALREADY MADE CONTACT WITH SCIENTISTS AFFILIATED WITH NUMEROUS AGENCIES AND UNIVERSITIES OF HOST COUNTRIES. AGENCIES AND NAMES OF CONTACTS OR POSSIBLE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN AVAILABLE. ALLDATA RESULTS ACQUIRED DURING EXPEDITION WILL BE SHARED WITH HOSTCOUNTRIES.

5. DR. NEEL'S PROJECT INVOLVES STUDY OF PRIMITIVE INDIANS IN AMAZON REGION. HE HAS CONDUCTED STUDIES OF THIS TYPE BEFORE IN BRAZIL AND HE PLANS ACQUIRE HIS OWN PERMIT THROUGH PROPER AGENCIES IN BRAZIL. IF EMBASSIES ARE AWARE OF OTHER PERMITS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED FOR RESEARCH DESCRIBED UNDER PROJECT LISTING IN AIRGRAM, UNCLASSIFIED

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PLEASE NOTIFY DEPT. ANOTHER AREA OF CONCERN IS THAT OF OBTAINING VISAS FOR THE MANY INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING. IF EMBASSIES HAVE SUGGESTIONS THAT WILL SIMPLIFY OR EXPEDITE ACQUIRING PROPER VISAS IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO HAVE THIS INFO WELL IN ADVANCE TO PREVENT LAST MINUTE CONFUSION AND DELAYS.

6. EMBASSIES REQUESTED TO ENCOURAGE WIDESPREAD DISTRIBUTION OF THIS INFO IN HOST COUNTRIES. WE WOULD WELCOME COMMENT ON SCIENTIFIC ASPECTS OF EXPEDITION TO ENHANCE QUALITY OF RESULTS. COMMENTS ON LOGISTICS, REGULATIONS, LOCAL CUSTOMS, AND ALL FACTORS RELATING TO EXPEDITION

WOULD BE APPRECIATED. FYI: DEPT HOPES WIDE DISTRIBUTION
OF EXPECTION PLAN WILL BE INSTRUMENTAL IN OBTAINING ALL
NECESSARY CLEARANCES AND VISAS REQUIRED CONDUCT EXPEDITION.
ALSO, IT WILL GIVE SCIENTISTS IN HOST COUNTRIES WISHING
TO PARICIPATE AN OPPORTUNITV TO EXPRESS THEIR INTENTIONS.
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